

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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***L jongheana* from Leroy Orchids won Grand Champion at NZOS Spring Show and again at the North Shore Show. It certainly is a gorgeous plant, covered in flowers.**

Well done Lee and Roy!

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Hope you all enjoyed David Menzies at our last meeting. His presentation was most interesting and the more unusual orchids, fascinating. We are very lucky living in Auckland where we can grow almost any orchid - not quite so easy in the UK with such vast temperature ranges.

David has a vast knowledge of orchids and their natural habitats and growing conditions.

I know I learned a lot from his talk, hope you all did too!

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday November 2nd 2010, 7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

Karen Lowther will be our guest speaker due to popular demand. We can assure you that will have an entertaining night!

The trading table, library and plants on display will all be operating.

Please bring a small plate for supper which will be held during the evening.

Help will be needed to vacuum the floor after the meeting.



Happy November Birthday to...

Jim Shaw, Alan Tantau, Bev Meredith, David Forsythe, Barry Baxter and Alan Darlow.

Raffle Results...

Prizes went to Man Lo, Irene Levett and Kristin Henty

Thanks to Grahame Leafberg, Ray and Lottie Hogan and the club for donating raffle prizes.

Club funds have been boosted by \$87.00



We have lots to do in the green house at this time of the year. Repotting, watering and feeding and especially looking out for those nasty chewing pests - get the repotting done before the very hot weather arrives.

FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

President Dennis welcomed members and visitors to our meeting.

Apologies: Jill Mickleburgh, Joy Intveld, Peter and Diana Elfleet, Fanie Johnson, Joe Vance, Barry and Gwen Wilkinson and Vincent Cheah.

Notices: Dennis wished Joan Wood a very happy 90th Birthday from us all.

The club has purchased 2 new books for the library.

Dennis has a DVD he recorded at Palmerston North on the setting up of our display and of the entire show. This DVD will also be in our library for members to take home and enjoy.

Dennis presented prize certificates to those members who gained placings at the Palmerston North Expo, together with a lovely slide show of the plants.

Leroy Orchids were congratulated for winning Grand Champion at both NZOS and North Shore Orchid Society shows with *L. jongheana*.

There were free hippestrum bulbs available for members. Thanks to Leroy Orchids for their generosity.

Prize Giving was then conducted, accompanied with a lovely Power Point presentation of the winning orchids.



Above left: Den Menehure Charm, William and Man Lo.
Right: Paph Ho Chi Minh, Chris Witby.



Above left: Den *palpebrae* x *thyrseiflorum*, Barry Baxter.
Above Right: Den Julie Skillicorn x Australian Ginger, Grahame Leafberg.

The 4 plants above all tied for 1st = on club night for the popular vote.

SHOW COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Show Marshal: Glenys MacRae
Show Secretary: Linda Alexander
Committee: Bev Meredith, Roy and Lee Neale, Dennis Chuah, Ross Crabb, June Sutton, Joy Intveld and Melvin Alexander.

A vote of thanks was given to Bev for the many years she has given to the club as Show Marshal.

Believe it or not!

We have only 2 more meetings this year!
Our Xmas meeting on Tuesday December 7th will begin at the earlier time of 7.00pm. We encourage you to bring along your partners and enjoy a very informal meeting. Don't have dinner before you come as we all bring a plate of 'Finger Food'. (ie: food to be eaten with fingers only!).
The Club supplies desert and refreshments. Please bring a small wrapped gift to the value of \$5. Something nice, but preferably not from the \$2 Shop! These will go into a continuous raffle.
Study up your newsletters ready for the quiz!



It would be very helpful to new members if we wore our name badges at club meetings!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

ADA

Ada *keiliana*

- Dennis Chuah

Ada *aurantiaca*

- Glenys MacRae

CATTLEYA

C *coccinea* 'Jimmy'

- Grahame Leafberg

C Lucky Charm # (C Tokyo Magic x Beaufort)

- Leroy Orchids

COCHLEANTHES

Cnths *discolor*

- Leroy Orchids

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Acapulco x Swallow

- Kim Young

Cym Penny Serenade

- Grahame Leafberg

DENDROBIUM

Den Lori's Star

- Leroy Orchids

Den *delicatum*

- Kim Young

Den Menehune Charm # (Den *palpebrae x thysiflorum*)

- Barry Baxter

Den Julie Skillicorn x Australian Ginger

Den Tess 'Memoria Kath'

- Grahame Leafberg

Den *primulinum*

Den *nobile*

Den *speciosum*

Den No name

- Ron Reeves

Den Gowan's Tangelo

Den Dawn Maree

- Dennis Chuah

Den Allyn Star x *speciosum*

- William and Man Lo

DENDROCHILUM

Dend *glumaceum*

- Leroy Orchids

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Violetta

Masd Tuakau Candy

- Ken Morse

Masd Red Flamingo 'Royal Purple' HCC/OCNZ

- Mary Jones

Masd *veitchiana*

Masd Peppermint Rock 'K'

- Barry Baxter

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Ho Chi Minh

- Chris Whitby

PLEIONE

Pln Vesuvius

- Ron Reeves

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Golden Pecker x Brother Amar

Phal No name

- Linda Alexander

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco Elise x Nicky

- Grahame Leafberg

Sarco Sherlock

- Leroy Orchids

Those members with a # beside their plant name please correct your label.

Plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by David Menzies and Ross Tucker.

Plants on display from last month was won by Dennis



Congratulations display team who enabled us to win first prize at the Howick Show with the above display.

Change of Dates

North Shore Orchid Society Show

(Sarcochilus and other genera)

New date 13-14th November

Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3.30pm.

St Anne's Hall (Cnr Beach and Glencoe Rds, Browns Bay). \$2.00 entry. Sales table.

You will see more sarcochilus flowers here than anywhere else in Auckland!

Information phone: 480 6843

from behind the shadehouse.....



Ross told us he had a new grandson, but had to ring Sue to find out his name - which is Kyden Ethan - please try to remember it Ross!



If you have any small jam jars, Linda would like them for the jam she makes for us for our Ribbon Show. Please bring them to the meeting. She would also like any spare fruit you have available nearer February.

PALMERSTON NORTH UPDATE

Due to lack of space and time constraints. I wasn't able to put this in the Bulletin last month.

As most of you would know, a group of us, (Lee and Roy Neale, Mary Jones, Glenys MacRae, Anjo McKernan, Ann and Ken Morse, Chris Whitby and I) went to Palmerston North to set up our club display. Despite the rain, slips, floods and detours, all of us got there safely - as well as most of the plants! A very large specimen cymbidium, (whose growers shall remain anonymous) had a roller coaster ride on the way there, having tipped over even before it got over the Harbour Bridge, and twice more on the way there. In the end it just got there minus a couple of spikes!

I was very pleased with the response to our call for plants, as we had plenty to fill our 3m x 6m display and still had a few plants to lend to the NZOS and Canterbury Orchid Societies.

Being very conservative we were initially worried our display and plants might not be up to scratch for an International Show. Our fears were soon allayed after judging. Out of the 63 plants that we brought, 24 had won certificates. Part of this success was attributed to the way the display had shown each plant to its best potential. Special thanks go to Roy and his team for coming up with the well thought out design. The display travelled well and was easy to put up. It was also at very low cost. Although we did not get a placing for the display, it was one of the most photographed in the show.

Most of the set up crew left mid week and we were then joined by the knock down crew, (Linda and Melvin Alexander, Barry Baxter and Hugh Fraser).

We also had flying visits from a few other members, (Pauline Weeks, Betty Major,

William and Man Lo, Heather and Gary Cooke).

It was literally a flying visit for Pauline as it was her first time in an aircraft. Well done Pauline!

Overall, I think everyone had a good time. People were leaving with armloads full of plants and flasks from the traders.

We even went out to dinner with guest speakers, Norito Hasegawa and Dennis Diehm.

A big thank you goes to all those who provided plants, those who helped set up and knock down the display, and those who worked in the background to prepare the display.

Dennis Chuah
President.



Special mention goes to Gary Cooke, (seen here with Roy Neale). Gary was the recipient of the John Easton Award this year.

The John Easton award is given annually by the Hawkes Bay Orchid Society to a club member from any New Zealand orchid club who has given outstanding service to the orchid fraternity.

Gary won the award for this year for his long and continuing contribution to orchid growing and his computer skills.

I will always remember my first meeting at this club. Heather Cooke was President then and she came up to me and said 'Welcome, sit next to Gary, he'll look after you'. This is just an example of the background work that Gary does and that we are so grateful for. Dennis Chuah.